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Great and Signal Victory

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English and Hollanders

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Translated out of Dutch.

Licensed, August 24. 1689.

TW O such great Armies as those of the Prince of *Waldeck*, and of the Mareschal *D'Humieres* being so nigh each other, as our late Relations have inform'd us, it could not well be expected they should be long in such a posture without entring upon Action; and accordingly we have now an Account of a Considerable Rencontre that happened between them on the 25th of *August*, N. S. wherein the *French* were the Aggressors, but to their own Loss, as you may see by the Letter which the Prince of *Waldeck* writ to the *States General*, and which he sent them by an Express. The Letter is as follows.

High and Mighty Lords,

UPon the Advice we received this Morning, that the Mareschal *d'Humieres* was upon his March with his whole Army, which within a few days had been Reinforced with Six Thousand Men; we fired some Pieces of Canon to intimate this motion to a great Party of Your Lordships Army, which was gone out to Forrage. In the mean while the Vanguard of the Enemy attacked the Village *Forge*, where were posted Eight hundred Foot to cover the Forragers; they were commanded by the English Colonel *Hodges*, by Lieutenant-Colonel *Goes*, and by the Major of the Regiment of *Hesse*. This Attack lasted two hours, and our Men behaved themselves with an unexpressible Courage, until such time as that Monsieur *Roo*, Major of Horse, who had been sent to bring back the Lieutenant-Generals *Webbenum*, *Marlburrow*, and *d'Hubi*, with the Forragers, came in to their Succour with some Cavalry. Then our Men fought retreating against the whole French Army, which came pouring upon them, until that they came to a rising ground near the little City of *Walcour*, where we had posted a Battalion of the Troops of *Lunenburg*, which was also Reinforced with another of Colonel *Holle*. The French attack'd this City with the utmost Fury during two hours and a half. Lieutenant-General *Ailva* advanced to Succour it with three Regiments, of which he had detach'd that of the *Brigade*

dier Talmusch, Lieutenant-General Marlburrow followed with the English Horse Life-Guards and two English Regiments Major-Gen Slangenburg advanced also with some Detachments of Foot on the other side of the Town, which caused the French to retire in such great Confusion that they abandoned their Canon and their Powder, with a vast number of Dead and Wounded, of whom we know not yet precisely the Number. In this Occasion we took a great many Prisoners, of the number of whom are three Captains of the Guards, and Monsieur d'Artignan, Commanding of the Guards. After their Retreat, two Drums came to demand of us a Suspension of Arms for the carrying off their Dead, and to look after their Wounded. They informed us that six Battalions of the Guards, who were present in this Action, were for the most part defeated. The Loss on our side is not considerable, saving Lieutenant-Colonel Graham in the English Troops, and the Major of the Dragoons of Zell who were kill'd; and a Captain and a Lieutenant, with some of our Forragers, who were snapt up by the Enemy. And there were but very few kill'd or wounded in the City. After that the French were retreated, our Troops continued in their Posts till Night. The Count de Nassau, Mareschal de Camp, and all the other Generals and Officers behaved themselves extreamly well in this Occasion. All the Soldiers shewed extraordinary Courage as well as eagerness to be engaged with the Enemy. The Victory would not have stop'd here, if we could have pursued the Enemy further, but the Situation of the Ground was an invincible Obstacle to the Pursuit. The English did more particularly signalize themselves in this Action, having given singular Proofs of their Bravery. I Congratulate Your Lordships upon the good Success of this Encounter, hoping that God will further bless Your Arms after a more peculiar manner, as well as Your Government. I am, &c.

From the Camp near Thill, Chasteau, Aug. 25. 1689.
very late at Night.

At the bottom of this Letter which was made publick by Order of the States, there is another from an Officer of the Army to one of his Friends, dated Friday morning on the 16th. of this Month S. N. It says that they had been all the Night at their Armes, and that Prince Waldeck had spent the Night in his Coach, visiting the Camp, and giving the necessary Orders in this Con-juncture. That they were inform'd the Enemies had lost Two thousand Men. That at the moment it was writing they heard Firing, and that it was believed some Parties were again Engag'd. And that in short it was not doubted but that the French would seek to take their Revenge. It is observable, that the English and French Guards were engag'd against each other, and that Fortune still continued to decide in favour of the former. The French Army is said to consist of 34000 Men.

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